



Ontario's Drive Clean

Buying or selling a used vehicle?

A Drive Clean pass is your assurance that the used vehicle you're planning to buy or sell complies with provincial emissions standards. It's good news for our health, our environment and your vehicle.

A Drive Clean pass is required for an ownership transfer for vehicles with a model year older than the current calendar year to help ensure that consumers do not unwittingly purchase a used vehicle with emissions problems.

It may be used for registration renewal for one year from its date of issue. It must be valid on the date of the transaction for an ownership transfer. A vehicle's recent Drive Clean test history can be viewed at:

www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/air/driveclean/VICNSearch.php

A vehicle can be bought or sold without an emissions pass, but it needs a Drive Clean pass to be plated for the road under new ownership. In any transaction, it is up to the buyer and seller to agree on who is responsible for the Drive Clean test and any repairs required to pass the test.

In 2008, a Drive Clean Pass is required for resale vehicles that are the 2007 model year and older, and in 2009, for resale vehicles that are the 2008 model year and older.

Light Duty and Non-Diesel Heavy-Duty Vehicles

Light-duty vehicles and non-diesel heavy-duty vehicles registered in the Drive Clean program area of southern Ontario require a Drive Clean pass for an ownership transfer. Light-

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duty vehicles include cars, pickup trucks, vans and sport utility vehicles and, for purposes of test frequency, large motorhomes.

All hybrid vehicles (those powered by a combination of internal combustion engines and electric motors); light-duty vehicles of the 1987 and older model years; and Kit cars are exempt from testing and do not require an emissions pass for ownership transfer.

A Conditional Pass cannot be used to license a resale vehicle for the road. This includes light-duty vehicles that qualified for a conditional pass for registration renewal by using the Drive Clean Repair Cost Limit. This is an important consumer protection measure, since a Conditional Pass indicates that a vehicle has ongoing emissions system problems that require further repairs.

Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicles

Heavy-duty diesel trucks and buses (those vehicles with a registered gross weight of over 4,500 kg) registered anywhere in Ontario require a Drive Clean pass for an ownership transfer. Heavy-duty vehicles are required to stay in the Drive Clean program as long as they are on the road. All Heavy-duty hybrid vehicles (those powered by a combination of internal combustion engines and electric motors) are exempt from testing and do not require an emissions pass for ownership transfer.

A Drive Clean emissions pass report may be used for ownership transactions or registration renewal for one year from its date of issue. It must be valid on the expiry date of the licence plate or on the date of the transaction for a late renewal or ownership transfer.

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